

POST-OFFICE PREPARING FOR BIG HOLIDAY RUSH

**Racks Being Constructed to Hold
1,000 Mail Bags in Distribu-**

PROBLEMS OF PARCEL POST

**Postmaster Thornton Instructed to
Make Arrangements for Largest
Volume of Business Office Has
Ever Handled**

Christmas is some distance off, but the local postal authorities are now making preparations for handling the enormous business which is expected this year. The use of the parcel post has grown to such proportions since last year, when the entire system throughout the country was swamped that extra precautions are being taken everywhere to prevent a repetition of the congested condition.

Harry M. Lawder, superintendent of mail delivery at the post office here,

taken an early start to be in shape for the first rush. Racks which will accommodate 1,000 mail sacks are being erected, and will greatly facilitate the distribution of the mail on its arrival here. Arrangements are also being taken to better the collection service by replacing the horse-drawn vehicles with automobile trucks before the holiday season sets in.

The Post-Office Department has notified Postmaster Hay T. Thornton and postmasters throughout the country t

Clerks will be stationed in the corridors again this year to weigh parcels and see that they are properly stamped before being presented at the mailing windows. It is anticipated that the

Plans are being made to post instructions in prominent places for the information of the patrons of the post office, in order that there will be no delay or trouble. The instructions will contain suggestions for packing and

should be heeded by the general public. The principal piece of advice will be to mail early.

Petition in Bankruptcy.
Robert L. Fleet, of Henrico County, yesterday filed a voluntary petition in bankruptcy in the United States District Court. His liabilities were scheduled at \$450.75, and assets at \$198.25.



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